

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

Benjamin George,

Plaintiff,

v.

City of Chicago, et al,

Defendants.

Case No.: 20 CV 6911

Hon. Judge: Robert Blakey

Mag. Judge: Beth W. Jantz

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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The parties, by and through their undersigned counsel, submit the following Joint Status Report on status of settlement correspondence in accordance with the Court's Order on July 26, 2023 (Dkt. 136) and state as follows:

1. Defendant City of Chicago, the Officer Defendants, and Plaintiff submitted settlement correspondence within the Court's deadlines. Defendants Gardiner and Sikanich have not yet submitted settlement correspondence. Defendants' Gardiner and Sikanich's counsel had been out of the office for several weeks in June/July dealing with the illness and death of his father, and was delayed in responding to the settlement demand. He has not been able to obtain a response from Sikanich as of this date. However, Gardiner and Sikanich have no objection to the proposed extension for the reasons set forth below, and anticipate providing a response to the demand during this week.
2. The parties are discussing the prospect of settlement. However, the delay in settlement correspondence from Defendants Gardiner and Sikanich has rendered it impossible to have a full discussion among the parties and between attorneys and clients regarding this avenue.

In light of this, and consistent with the Court's encouragement to explore settlement prior to undertaking the expense and time of expert discovery should it prove ultimately unnecessary, the parties respectfully request that existing expert discovery deadlines be extended by 60 days. Such an extension would facilitate a full exploration of possible settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this document was filed on July 31, 2023 using the Court's CM/ECF filing system, which generates electronic notice to all parties of record in the case.

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